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Barton Brothers, plaintiffs,
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Robert Jones, Deft.

Barton Brothers a copartnership composed of Kunber L. Barton, William Barton and George A. Barton: Whereas the plaintiffs recovered a judgment against the defendant, Robert Jones, before J. C Saunders, justice of the peace for precinct No. 8 in Collin county, Texas, on the twenty-fifth day of September, A. D., 1896, for the sum of 126 90-100 dollars. The number of the said case is 313, on the justice's docket, said judgment bearing six per cent. interest from the rendition of said judgment and $2.60 cost, and there not having been an execution issued on said judgment within twelve months time from the rendition of the same. Therefore said judgment became dormant, said judgment not having been paid off by the said Robert Jones nor any part of the same, and this suit is to revive said judgment, and R. C. White, one of plaintiff's attorney's having made oath that the said Robert Jones is a non-resident of the state of Texas.

State of Texas }
County of Collin } To the sheriff or any constable of Collin county, Texas. Greeting:—You are hereby commanded that you summon Robert Jones, the defendant by publication, in some newspaper published in Collin county, Texas, for four consecutive weeks before the return day hereof, to be and appear before the justice's court to be held in the town of Blue Ridge on the 29th day of April, A. D., 1898, on or before 10 o'clock a. m. of that day then and there to show cause if any he has why the said judgment should not be revived. Herein fail not but make due return of this writ showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand this 5th day of March, 1898. E. E. Holt, Justice of the Peace, precinct No. 8, Collin county, Texas.

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# REPORT OF THE MAINE BOARD OF INQUIRY.

## There Were Two Explosions With a Very Short Interval Between Them

## THE FIRST EXPLOSION WAS FROM A FLOATING MINE.

## Neither of the Explosions Was caused Through Any Fault of Those on Board the United States Ship.

Washington, March 27.—The Associated Press presents herewith a complete abstract of the report of the court of inquiry which investigated the wrecking of the battle ship Maine. This abstract is made from the report itself, access to which was obtained today despite official secrecy unparalleled in the handling of official papers. The report is made up of eight parts as follows:

1. The court finds that at the time of the explosion the battleship Maine was lying in five and one-half to six fathoms of water.

2. The discipline aboard the ship was excellent; everything stowed according to orders—ammunition, guns, stores, etc., The temperature of the magazine at 8 p. m. was normal except in the after ten-inch magazine, and that did not explode.

3. The explosion occurred at 9:40 o'clock on the evening of Feb. 15. There were two explosion with very short interval between them. The ship lifted on her first explosion.

4. The court can form no definite opinion of the condition of the wreck from the divers' evidence.

5. Technical details of wreckage from which the court deduces that the Maine was exploded under the ship on the port side.

6. The explosion was due to no fault of those on board.

7. Opinion of the court stating that the explosion of the mine caused the explosion of two magazines.

8. The court declares that it can not find evidence to fix responsibility.

The report is unanimous and is signed by all the members of the court. It does not refer to the existence or non-existence of mines in the harbor of Havana except in the specific finding that a mine was exploded under the ship, and the opinion that the explosion of the two magazines was caused by the explosion of a mine.

The report as a whole is a formal, dispassionate recital of the facts and bears the stamp of that strict officialism which marks naval procedure. It is brief, not exceeding 1800 words, and among the eight parts goes to the greatest length under the second heading, which deals with the discipline and order of the ship. This the court specifies with extreme minuteness, the least detail of the satisfactory condition of everything on board being given. The normal temperature of the large forward magazine at 8 o'clock—only an hour and forty minutes before the explosion—disposes of the question of accidental combustion within these magazines.

While the court holds that these magazines did not explode from internal causes, they nevertheless are of the opinion that the explosion of the mine under the port side of the ship caused the explosion of the two magazines. This will explain the remarkable destruction wrought, the explosion thus being shown to have combined the force of a mine without and two magazines within.

The two explosions which the court finds to have occurred, with a very short interval between them, is an additional detail showing that two forces operated in causing the destruction. The finding that the ship lifted on the first explosion indicates an external source, and one of tremendous power, to be able to lift a battleship of a thousand tons. The character of the wreckage, technically described in the fifth part of the report, from which the court deduces that a mine was exploded under the ship on the port side, sustains the view taken by some experts shortly after the disaster that the force of the explosion was exerted from port to starboard.

The feature of the report of deepest interest to the navy is the complete exoneration of Capt. Sigsbee and all on board contained in the second finding, setting forth the perfect order and discipline prevailing on the ship, and more directly stated in the sixth finding, which declares the disaster to be due to no fault of those on board. The inability of the court to find evidence to fix responsibility, as stated in the eighth part, makes the report so guarded in expression of blame that neither Spain nor the Spanish are mentioned throughout.

### Secretary Gage Has Not Resigned.

Washington, March 28.—There is no truth in the report that Secretary Gage has resigned or has any intention of resigning. In the course of a conversation to-day the secretary said that there was perfect unity in the cabinet on the Cuban question.

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### Another Bill Killed.

Comptroller Finley has just issued an order to all tax collectors in Texas announcing the death of another of the wise (?) laws enacted by the late (25th) legislature, as follows:

Your attention is directed to the fact that the court of criminal appeals of this State, in a decision rendered Dec. 22, 1897, in a case of ex parte J F Jones—appeal from Tarrant county—has held that the occupation tax imposed on peddlers by subdivision 21, chapter 18, general laws special session Twenty-fifth legislature, (see pages 51 and 52,) is null and void, as being in violation of our constitution on the subject.

A motion on the part of the State for a rehearing in said cause was filed, but such motion has been recently dismissed and said judgment is now final.

You are, therefore, advised to cease collecting peddlers' occupation taxes under the provisions of said subdivision 21, charter 18, occupation tax laws Twenty-fifth legislature. Very respectfully,
E. W. Finley,
Comptroller.

### A True American.

Joe.—"Talk about patriotism. I want to tell yer that Capt. Kelly, of the Lloyd Rifles, is about the warmest patriot hat ever came to Texas."

John.—"What's he done now? Offered his services to the government in the event of war with Spain?"

Joe.—"No, but he knocked a waiter down in the restaurant today, and nearly beat him to death because he asked him if he would have Spanish mackerel."—Texas Sandwich.

A printer does not rush to the doctor when he is out of "sorts" nor to the baker when he is out of "pi," nor to hell when he wants the "devil," nor to the Bible when he wants a good "rule," nor to the gunshop when he wants a "shooting stick," nor to a cabinetshop when he wants a "furniture," nor to the bank when he wants "quoins," nor to a girl when he wants a "press," nor to a lawyer when he has a "dirty case;" nor to a butcher when he wants "phat" nor to a pump when he is dry—and has 10 cents in his pocket.—Exchange.

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### POPULISTS ATTENTION!

Precinct Meeting Called and County Executive Committee Summoned to Meet.

Anna, Texas, March 12, 1898.
To the members of the Populist County Executive Committee and Peoples Party voters of Collin county:

The precinct chairmen of the several voting precincts are hereby requested to call precinct meetings at their several voting places on Saturday, April 16, 1898 at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of taking the referendum vote as prescribed by the state executive committee, and to fill any vacancies that may exist on the county executive committee and such other business as may be necessary. The county executive committee is hereby called to meet at THE DEMOCRAT office in McKinney, Saturday, April 23, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of canvassing the referendum vote and selecting the time and place for holding the county convention. Let each member of the committee be punctual and if you cannot come in person send a representative. The ballots for taking referendum vote will be placed in the hands of the precinct chairman in due time.

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### Watson and Bryan.

In 1892 Thomas E. Watson, a citizen of McDuffie county, Ga., went to Atlanta to make a speech in the capitol.

He was supporting James B. Weaver, of Iowa, for president.

He was advocating the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, the abolition of the present national reforms.

He was a populist.

He was met by a large audience of admirers and a mob of vicious enemies.

His enemies howled him down and created so much disturbance he could not be heard.

He was not permitted to speak on the soil of his native state and the very building his property was and is being taxed to pay for.

The newspapers of the town said his policy was "wild and visionary," unconstitutional" and destructive to the best interests of society.

Last Monday W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, went to Atlanta to make a speech.

He supported J. B. Weaver, of Iowa, for president in 1892.

He was advocating the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, the abolition of the present national banking system and other financial reforms.

He is a democrat on the ponulist platform.

He was met by an audience of eight or ten thousand people who cheered him and applauded what he said.

A house was furnished him, his expenses defrayed and the hospitality of the people of Atlanta was strained to its utmost to welcome him to a state of which he is not a citizen and not a cent of his property is taxed to support.

Most of the newspapers of the town endorsed what he said and praised him in the highest terms and said his policy was just, reasonable, constitutional and the only hope for the welfare of society.

Some strange things do happen in politics, and the ways of some politicians are hard to be understood.—Charlotte Sentinel.

### Running for Office.

The following is taken from a neighboring county paper published shortly after an election in '93, and as there are several in this county contemplating a race for county office, they might get a few pointers therefrom:

One of our friends came around the other morning, looking somewhat demure. We meet him pleasantly, hoping to send a ray of comfort through the cloud of gloom which had settled upon his manly brow. After the usual salutations which he went through in an automatic manner, he told us that this thing of running for office was not as pleasant as most people supposed, that the late canvass had nearly ruined him. Drawing from his pocket a well worn diary, he showed us the following items of expense and trouble:

Lost 4 months and 23 days canvassing: 1349 hours sleep thinking about the election; 5 acres of cotton; 23 of corn; a whole sweet potato crop; 4 sheep, 5 shoats and 1 beef given to barbecues; two front teeth and a considerable quantity of hair to a personal skirmish. Gave away 97 plugs of tobacco, 23,849 drinks of whiskey; 2984 glasses of beer; 7 Sunday school books; 2 pair of suspenders; 4 calico dresses; 7 dolls and 13 baby rattles.

Told 2889 lies; shook hands 24,477 times; talked enough to have made in print 1600 large volumes size of patent office reports; kissed 126 babies; kindled 14 kitchen fires; cut 3 cords of wood, pulled 474 bundles of fodder; picked 674 pounds of cotton; helped pull 7 wagon loads of corn; dug 14 bushels of potatoes; toted buckets of water; put up seven stoves; was dog bit 3 times; watch broken by baby, which cost $3 to have repaired.

Loaned out 3 barrels of flour; 20 bushels of meal, 150 pounds of butter, 13 dozen eggs, 3 umbrellas, 13 lead pencils, 1 Bible dictionary, mowing blade, 3 hoes, 1 overcoat, 2 boxes paper collars, none of which have been returned

Called my opponent a perambulating liar—doctors bill $10. Had 3 arguments with my wife—result, 1 flower vase smashed, one broomhandle broken, 1 dishof hash knocked off the table, 1 shirt bosom ruined, 2 handfulls of whiskers pulled out, 10 cents worth of plaster bought, besides spending $363 in hard cash.

"Ah," said our friend, as he bade us good morning with a far away look in his eyes, "running for office don't pay."—Longview Times-Clarion.

### School Books.

The state board of education has published officially the list of school text books to be used in the public schools of Texas. THE DEMOCRAT thereby appends a correct list with retail price of said books and the exchange price. Teachers and patrons should cut the list out and file for reference:

| | Retail price | Exchge price |
|---|---|---|
| Woodward & Tiernan Printing Company, St. Louis, No.— | | |
| Rand-McNally's elementary geography | 42c | 21c |
| Rand-McNally's grammar school geography | 81c | 42c |
| Nand-McNally fourth reader | 35c | 17c |
| Maynard, Merrill & Co., New York, N. Y.— | | |
| Lessons in physiology, first book | 40c | 24c |
| Lessons in physiology, second book | 80c | 40c |
| D. C. Heath & Co., Boston Mass.— | | |
| Sutton & Kimbrough's lower arithmetic, boards | 24c | 12c |
| Sutton & Kimbrough's lower arithmetic, cloth | 30c | 15c |
| Sutton & Kimbrough's higher arithmetic, boards | 40c | 20c |
| Sutton & Kimbrough's higher arithmetic, cloth | 50c | 25c |
| Hyde's practical lessons in English, boards | 22c | 11c |
| Hyde's practical English grammar, boards | 35c | 18c |
| Benson's practical speller first book | 15c | 8c |
| Benson's practical speller second book | 15c | 8c |
| Benson's practical speller, complete, boards | 20c | 10c |
| Ginn & Co., Boston, Mass.— | | |
| Stickney's first reader | 18c | 12c |
| Stickney's second reader | 24c | 15c |
| Stickney's third reader | 30c | 18c |
| Stickney's firfth reader | 45c | 25c |
| Whitney & Lockwood's English grammar | 50c | 25c |
| U S history, by Cooper, Estill & Lemmon | 80c | 40c |
| P V Pennbacker & Wife Palestine, Texas.— | | |
| History of Texas revised edition | 65c | 35c |
| Zaner, Ware & Webb, Dallas, Texas.— | | |
| Zaner, Ware & Webb's copy books, 24 pages, both slant and vertical system | 05c | |

State Superintendent Carlisle announces that he will not seek a re-nomination this year. Prof, Kindell of Ladonia is the leading aspirant now for the place.

Houston street car motormen were riotous Sunday and the militia had to be called out to quell the disturbance. The strikers seem to have the sympathy of the majority of the citizens.

Bro. J. S. Daley, of the Doublin Progress, is a candidate in the Peoples Party primary for representative of Erath county. He is a bright, vigorous young man and edits a thrifty paper which is doing valiant service in the cause of the people. The populists should nominate him.

Senator Thurston of Nebraska, delivered a dramatic speech in the Senate, Thursday, on the pitiable condition of the Cuban reconcendradoes and Spanish brutality. He had just returned from a trip to Cuba where he made personal observations together with his wife who died on their return after requesting him to portray the horrors they had witnessed. The first words of the speech were "Mr. President, I speak by request of lips now silent." The senator avowed that he went to Cuba for the purpose of disproving, what he then thought to be, exaggeration of Spanish cruelty and Cuban horrors, but returned convinced that words are inadequate even to express the truth much less exaggerate the miserable condition of 400,000 defenseless natives.

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Hon. J. R. Gough, the distinguished state senator from the Collin county district, and president pro-tem of the senate, is making a strong race for the democratic nomination for lieutenant governor. He is an able advocate of the principles enunciated in the state and national platforms, a fine parlimentarian, and his friends say that his support among the masses are legion.—Jefferson Jimplecute.

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| " | No 3 | 9:47 a. m. |
| " | No. 15 | 12:28 p. m |
| " | No 1 | 7:50 p. m. |
| South bound | No 2 | 8:17 a. m. |
| " | No. 16 | 3:10 p. m. |
| " | No 4 | 5:53 p.m. |
| " | Cannon Ball | 10:05 p. m. |

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THE DEMOCRAT.

THURSDAY, MAR. 31, 1898.

P. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor
WALTER B. WILSON, Local Editor.

The president's message on the Maine horror met a cold reception in Congress. It contained no recommendation; republicans join in censuring McKinley for his failure to demand reparation of the treacherous Spaniards. The senate Tuesday was the scene of tumultuous uproar. Several resolutions for Cuban belligerancy and independence were introduced, Allen a populist member offered the first. Reed's iron hand holds down the lower house and is the key to the situation there. Bailey tried to force the hand of the republicans yesterday with a resolution for Cuban independence but was foiled by Reed who promised "a suitable way and speedy time" in accomplishing the same result by the republicans. His party with two exceptions voted solidlyto sustain him. Everything now depends upon Spain's answer to the demands of the United States in behalf of Cuba's relief. Meanwhile excitement and war preparations in both nations are unabated. As we go to press Thursday a telegram announces that Spain has not answered and that the matter may go over until Monday.

City election next Tuesday.

Candidates should talk about something practical.

Local option carried in Young county by 150 majority.

An agent of the Spanish government is in Arkansas buying mules for cavalry service in Cuba.

Irving M. Garfield, son of president, Garfield argued at the bar and won his first case recently in Boston.

During the war crisis what has become of Pitchfork Tillman? This office is not advised as to his opinion on War.

Municipal ownership is advantageous and popular. Why not try state ownership of a railroad as an experiment if nothing else?

W. L. McGaughey candidate for land commissioner was in the city Monday and announced his candidacy after Col. Wynne concluded his speech.

Saturday's election on the hog law question in Collin county went practically unanimous in favor of the law.

Senator Allen, populist, introduced the first resolution in the American congress recognizing Cuba's independence.

Gladstone's physical powers are fast failing. It is said the "Grand Old Man" is bidding his friends good-by and calmly surveying the approach of death.

The commission law is not enforced, therefore is a failure, according to the reason of those who say that local option is a failure because it is not enforced.

A charter has been applied for permitting the building of a rail road from Sherman to Van Alstyne. Citizens of Sherman are the incorporators.

The most obscure public servant at this stage of the game is Hon. John Sherman, secretary of state. Possibly things are not hot enough to melt this towering ice-berg of diplomacy.

The fact that Hon. Rufus Hardy of Corsicana, state chairman of the sound money democracy of Texas, is in favor of government ownership of railroadsis significantof thewonderful growth of this populist measure.

# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE.

## Report of the Court of Inquiry Submitted to Congress Without Comment.

## SPANISH GOVERNMENT WAS NOTIFIED.

### No Recommendations Made, but the History of the Sending of the Maine to Havana, Its Reception at that Point and the Circumstances Attending the Explosion Are Set Out.

Washington, March 28.—The president to day sent the following message to congress:

To the congress of the United States—For some time prior to the visit of the Maine to Havana harbor our consular representatives pointed out advantages to flow from the visit of national ships to Cuban waters, in accustoming the people to the presence of our flag as a symbol of good will, and our ships in fulfilment of the mission of protection to American interests, even though no immediate need therefor might exist.

Accordingly, on the 24th of January last, after a conference with the Spanish minister, in which a renewal of the visits of our warships to Spanish waters was discussed and accepted, the peninsular authorities at Madrid and Havana were advised of the purpose of this government to resume friendly naval visits at Cuban ports, and that in that view the Maine would forthwith call at the port of Havana.

This announcement was received by the Spanish government by appreciation of the friendly character of the visit of the Maine, and with a notification of their intention to return the courtesy by sending Spanish ships to the principal ports of the United Satates.

Meanwhile the Maine entered the port of Havana on Jan. 25, her arrival being marked with no special incident, except an exchange of customary salutes and ceremonial visits.

The Maine continued in the harbor of Havana during three weeks following her arrival. No appreciable excitement attended her stay: on the contrary, a feeling of relief and confidence followed the resumption of long interrupted friendly intercourse. So noticeable was this immediate effect of her visit that the consul general strongly urged that the presence of our ships in Cuban waters should be kept up by retaining them at Havana, or in the event of her recall, by sending other vessels there to take her place.

At 9:40 in the evening of Feb 15, the Maine was destroyed by an explosion by which the entire forward part ship was utterly wrecked. In this catastrophe two officers and 260 of her crew perished, those who were not killed outright by her explosion being penned between decks by tangled wreckage and drowned by the immediate sinking of the hull. Prompt asssistance was rendered by neighboring vessels anchored in the harbor, aid, being especially given by boats from the Spanish crusior Alphonso XII and the Ward line steamer City of Washington, which lay not far distant. The wounded generously cared for by the authorities of Havana, hospitals being freely opened to them, while the earliest recovered bodies of the dead were interred by the municipality in the public cemetery in the city. Tributes of grief and sympathy were offered from all official quarters of theisland. The appalling calamity fell on our people with crushing force and for a brief time intense excitement prevailed which in a community less just and self-controlled than ours might have led to hasty acts of blind resentment. The spirit, however, soon gave way to the calmer process of reason and a resolve to investigate facts and await material proof before forming judgment as to the cause, responsibility, and if the facts warranted the remedy due. The course necessarily recommended itself from the outset to the executive, for only in the light of dispassionately ascertained certainty could it determine the nature and measure of its full duty in the matter.

The usual procedure was followed, as in all cases of casualty or disater to national vessels of any maritime state. A naval court of inquiry was at once organized, composed of officers well qualified by rank and practical experience to discharge the onerous duty imposed upon them. Aided by strong force of wreckers and divers, the court proceeded to make a thorough investigation on the spot, employing every available means for an impartial and exact determination of the cause of the explosion. Its operations have been conducted with the utmost deliberation and judgment, and while independently pursed, no source of information was neglected, and the fullest opportunity was allowed for simultaneous investigation by the Spanish authorities.

The finding of the court of inquiry was reached after twenty-three days of continuous labor on the 21st of March, instant, and having been approved on the 22d by the commander-in-chief of the United States naval force on the North Atlantic station, was transmitted to the executive. It is herewith laid before congress today, with the voluminous testimony taken before the court. Its purport in brief is as follows: When the Maine arrived at Havana she was conducted by a regular government pilot to buoy No. 4, to which she moored in from five and one-half to six fathoms of water. The state of discipline on board and the condition of our magazines, boilers, coal bunkers and storage compartments are passed in review, with the conclusion that excellent order prevailed and that no indication of any cause for internal explosion existed in any quarter. At 8 o'clock in the evening of Feb. 15, everything had been reported secure, and all was quiet. At forty minutes past 9 o'clock, the vessel was suddenly destroyed. There were two distinct explosions, with a brief interval between them. The first lifted the forward part of the ship very perceptibly, the second, which was more prolonged, is attributed by the court to a partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines. The evidence of divers establishes that the after part of the ship was practically intact and sank in that condition a very few minutes after the explosion. The forward part was completely demolished. Upon the evidence of concurrent external causes the finding of the court is as follows:

At frame 17 W. the outer shell of the ship from a point eleven and one-half feet from the middle line of the ship and six feet above the keel when in its normal position, had been forced up so as to be now about four feet above where it would be had the ship sunk uninjured. The outside bottom of the plating is bent into a reversed "V" shape, the after wing of which, about fifteen feet broad and thirty-two feet in length (from frame 17 to frame 25), is doubled back upon itselt against a continuation of the same plating extending forward. At frame 18 the vertical kneel is broken in two and the kneel bent into an angle similar to the angle formed for the outside plates. This break is about six feet below the surface of the water and about thirty feet above its normal position. In the opinion of the court this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship at about frame 18, and somewhat on the port side of the ship.

The conclusions of the court are: That the loss of the Maine was not in any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of any officers or members of her crew; that the ship was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused a partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines, and that no evidence has been obtainable fixing the responsibilty for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

I have directed that the finding of the court of inquiry and and views of this government thereon be communicated to the government of her majesty, the queen, and I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate the course of action suggested by honos and the friendly relations of the two governments. It was the duty of the executive to advise cougress of the result, and in the meantime deliberate consideration is invoked.

WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

### FULL TEXT OF THE COURT'S REPORT.

Washington, March 28.—Following is the full text of the report of the court of inquiry:

United States Steamship Iowa First rate, Key West, Fla., Monday, March 21. 1898.—After a full and mature consideration of all testimony before it, the court finds as follows:

1. That the United States battleship Maine arrived in the harbor of Havanna, Cuba, on the 25th day of January, 1898, and was taken to buoy No 4, in from five and one-half to six fathoms of water, by a regular government pilot. The United States consul general at Havanna had notified the authorities at that place the previous evening of the intended arrival of the Maine.

2. The state of discipline on board the Maine excellent; and all orders and regulations in regard to the care and safety of the ship were strictly carried out. All ammunition was stowed away in accordance with instructions, and proper care was taken whenever ammunition was handled. Nothing was stowed in any one of the magazines or shell rooms which was not permitted to be stowed there. The magazines and shell rooms were always locked after having been opened; and after the destruction of the Maine the keys were found in their proper place in the captain's cabin everythingg having been reported secure that evening at 8 p. m. The temperature of the magazine and shell rooms was taken daily and reported. The only magazine which had undue amount of heat was the after ten-inch magazine; and that did not explode at the time the Maine was destroyed. The torpedo war-heads were all stowed in the after part of the ship under the ward room and neither caused nor participated in the destruction of the Maine. The dry cottun primers and detonaters were stowed in the cabin aft and remote from the scene of the explosion. Waste was carefully looked after on board the Maine to obviate danger. Special orders in regard to this had been given by the commanding officer. Varnishes, dryers, alcohol and other combustibles of this nature were stowed on or above the main deck and could not have had anything to do with the destruction of the Maine. Medical stores were stowed aft under the ward room and remote from the scene of the explosin. No dangerous stores of any kind were stowed below in any of the other store rooms. The coal bunkers were inspected. Of those bunkers adjoining the forward magazines and shell rooms four were empty, namely: B 3, B 4, B 5, B 6. "A 15" had been in use that day and "A 16" was full of New River coal. This coal had been carefully inspected before receiving it on board. The bunker in which it was stowed was accessible on three sides at all times and the fourth side at this time [illegible] bunkers B 4 and B6 being empty. This bunker, A 16 had been inspected that day by the engineer officer on duty. The fire alarms in the bunkers were in working order, and there had never been a case of spontaneous combustion of coal on board the ship were in use at the time of the disaster, but for auxiliary purposes only with a comparatively low pressure of steam and being tended by a reliable watch. These boilers could not have caused the explosion of the ship. The four forward boilers have since been found by divers and are in fair condition. On the night of the destruction of the Maine everything had been reported secure for the night at 8 p. m. by reliable persons, through the proper authorities, to the commanding officer. At the time the Maine was destroyed the ship was quiet and therefore least liable to accident caused by movements of those on board.

3. The destruction of the Maine occurred at 9:40 p. m. on 15th day February, 1898, in the harbor of Havanna, Cuba, the ship being at the time moored to the same buoy to which she had been taken upon her arrival. There were two explosions of distinctly different character with a very short but distinct interval between them, and the forward part of the ship was lifted to a marked degree at the time of the first explosion. The first explosion was more in the nature of a report like that of a gun, while the second explosion was more prolonged and of greater volume. The second explosion was in the opinion of the court, caused by the partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines of the Maine.

4. Condition of the wreck—Evidence bearing on this, being principally obtained from divers, did not enable the court to form a definite conclusion as to the condition of the wreck, although it was established that the after part of the ship was practically intact and sank in that condition a very few minutes after the destruction of the forward part. The following facts in regard to the forward part of the ship are, however, established by the testimony: A portion of the port side of the protective deck, which extends from about frame 30 to about frame 41, was blown up aft and over to port. The main deck from about frame 30 to about frame 41 was blown up aft and slightly over to starboard, folding the forward part of the middle suberstructure over and on top of after part. This was, in the opinion of the court, caused by the partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines of the Maine.

5. At frame 17, the outer shell of the ship from a point eleven one-half feet from the middle line of the ship and six feet above the kneel, when in its normal position, has been forced up so as to be now about four feet above the surface of the water; therefore about thirty-four feet above where it would be had the ship sunk uninjured. The outside plating is bent into a reversed V shape, the after wing of which is about fifteen feet broad and thirty-two feet in length(from frame 17 to frame 25), and is doubled back upon itself against the continuation of the same plating extending forward. At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two and the flat kneel bent into an anglo similar to the angle formed by the outside bottom plating. The break is now is about six feet below the surface of the water and about thirty-feet above its normal position. In the opinion of the court this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship at about frame 18, and somewhat to the port side of the ship.

6. The court finds that the loss of the Maine, on the occassion named, was not in any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of an officer or member of the crew of said vessel.

7. In the opinion of the court the Maine was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused a partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines.

8. The court has been unabled to obtain evidence fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons. W. T. SAMPSON,
Captain, U. S. N., president.
A. MARIX.
Lieutenant commander U. S. N., judge advocate.

The court, having finished the inquiry it was ordered to make, adjourned at 11 a. m. to await of the conveying authority.

W. T. SAMPSON,
Captain, U. S. N., president.
A. MARIX.
Lieutenont commander, U. S. N., judge advocate. U. S. flagship New York, March 22, 1898, off Key West, Fla.

Proceedings and findings of the court of inquiry in the above case are approved. M. SICARD,
Rear admiral, commander-in-chief of U. S. naval force on the Atlantic station.

### Friendship.

(BY MRS. F. C. THOMPSON)

There are bright days in our future
Tho' this hour is filled with doubt.
There are ties of truest friendship
If we seek to find them out.

There are hearts pierced just as sorely,
There are souls as humbly bowed,
There are longings full as fervent
Tho' they are not breathed aloud.

So then keep a brave true courage
When dark trials come to you,
For thousands of your fellow-men
Will prove sincere and true.

## ALTOGA ATOMS.

### Burial Of An Infant—Johnson Entertainment.

Mar. 29, 1898.

I. T. Moreland has moved into his new residence.

The infant child of Mr. Stockstills who lives near Viney Grove was buried at the Altoga cemetery Thursday.

The lane leading into the cemetery has just been fenced and with other work done we have one of the nicest burial grounds the country affords, which speaks well for the people of our community.

Marvel Vermillion and Dr. Hays of Climax paid Stringtown a visit Sunday.

The entertainment at Johnson Saturday night by young people of the community was higly enjoyed by all. The programme was as follows:

Recitation, Miss Ida Boyer,
Recitation, Rector Vermillion, "How Ruby Played."
Play 1 1-2 hours, Maniac lover,
Parting or closing song after which Mr. Rector Vermillion delivered the closing remarks.

Prof. Hays of Stiffs Chapel, Miss Cora Martin of Viney Grove and others from other points too numerous to mention were present.

Owing to the bad weather there was no Sunday school Sunday.

QUIEN SABE.

### District Court Proceedings for First Week.

J H Salmons v. T B Wilson, judgment for defendant for land and for plaintiff for $150.

B H Taylor v. H & T C Ry Co, judgment for plaintiff for $1000.

W L Goss v. T E Ball, 2 cases dismissed.

James Bryant v. W S Coffey, dismissed.

F M Stibbins v. Abby Stibbins divorce granted.

W D Proctor v. Bettie Proctor divorce granted.

Major Burr v. Martha Burr divorce granted.

Elsie Foster v. Joe Foster, divorce granted and plaintiff given custody of child.

W L Boyd v. J L Farley, judgment for plaintiff for amount of notes.

J E Bazzley v. Peoples Building and Loan association dismissed.

M C Williams v. Mollie Williams, divorce granted.

J C Norvell v. Jno B Norvell, divorce granted.

Roena Hawkins v. Will Hawkins, divorce granted and plaintiff given custody of child.

McKinney Investment Co v. H F Blue et al, judgment for plaintiff for amount of notes.

Laura Irwin v. J H Irwin divorce granted.

J L Bray v. I J Bray, divorce granted.

Wm L Johnson vs. Lora F Johnson, divorce granted.

V S Dudley vs Mrs L L Dudley divorce granted.

R T Brashers vs Mollie Brashers, divorce granted and land decreed to plaintiff.

Jeff Gordon vs Zulee Gordon, marriage set aside.

Commissioners appointed to partition estate of Seay minors.

J M Covey et al vs Sarah Covey et al report of sale of land approved.

Henry O Stacy et al vs Etta Vaughn et al report of sale of land approved.

### This Week's Jury List.

The following gentlemen are serving as petit jurymen this week for the present term of district court:

W R Dowell,
J E Murry,
J S Dugger,
M W Sansom,
J P Hall,
E L Woodall,
E C Gotcher,
A J Scribner,
B L Shirley,
C A Callinan,
C H Farnsworth,
L D Cunningham,
J H Kemper,
W M Doyle,
W P Foster,
J H Harrison,
B D Crowling,
J C Conner,
T D Emerson,
James Shrader,

### Populist Call.

Blue Ridge Tex. Mar. 28, '98. The populists of prec. 8 are hereby called to meet at Blue Ridge, Saturday, April 16, to take referendum vote recommended by the stael commmittee. Also, to nominate precinct candidates. Populists take notice, circulate and be on hand at 2 p m.

—T. A. Bruett Chairman, Prec. No. 8, Collin County.

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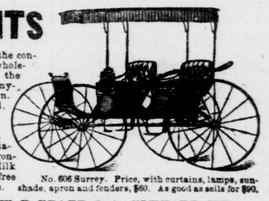
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## LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

Sunday April 10 is Easter.

Massage brushes at Smith Bros

Harry Crutcher was up from Plano yesterday.

For county maps call on J. H. Jenkins.

Cod liver oil preparations and dozen kinds of cough syrups at Smith Bros.

Prof. C. C. Cross of the Petersburg school is still seriously ill.

Don't forget the location of the Nickle Store, 1st. door west postoffice.

Mrs. W W. Davis and Mrs. Johnson are visiting in Plano.

Sorghum seed for sale at Mate Barnett's.

Insect powder guaranteed to kill at Smith Bros.

Judge Dillard holds court at night.

Useful and ornamental articles in profusion at the Nickle Store.

Miss Allie Sparlin is visiting in Greenville.

Fine writing tablets at Smith Bros.

The Fair is enlarging every day to supply its increasing trade.

M. Aron & Co's Easter window is a beauty. Pedestrians stop to admire it.

Pure whiskies, wines and brandies for medicinal use, at City Drug Store.

C. C. Frost of Sister Grove is in the city.

Chill tonics at Smith Bros.

One of the prettiest lines of Queensware in the town at the Fair. Hammond & Sneed Proprietors.

Spain and the United States may go to war, but the Nickle Store still holds the fort in McKinney.

50 different brands cough medicine. All the reliable kinds, at City Drug Store.

Valley Gem Pianos are unexcelled in tone, touch, and durability. Call and try them. J. T. Couch.

The McKinney Examiner will remove a few doors north of its present location April 1.

Just received our spring order of fresh ground drugs. Smith Bros.

Miss Mollie Duncan of Walnut Grove went to Plano yesterday to attend the Dallas Presbytery.

Window glass all sizes, at City Drug Store.

Tinware of the best grade—not cheap stuff—at The Fair. Hammond & Sneed, Proprietors.

A. J. Aycock of Princeton was in to hear Col. Dick Wynne Monday.

For that tired feeling you must enrich and purify your blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine you need.

Pine tar and many kinds condition powders at Smith Bros.

Messrs. Hill and Fields shipped several carloads of cattle for Chicago this week.

All sizes window glass at Smith Bros.

Vendors lien notes to the amount of $1000 wanted by White & McClellan.

Dick Houston and Todd Largent have returned from Medical school at Louisville, Ky.

Received last week over 50,000 calomel tablets. If you want them just come to us. Smith Bros.

Car load Collier's strictly pure white lead just received and for sale cheap at Wilcox & Son's Lumber Yard.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

Miss Fannie Jackson has returned from a four days visit to home folks at Ladonia.

For Constipation take Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great Blood Purifier. Cures Headache, Nervousness, Eruptions on the face, and makes the head clear as a bell. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Buggy paint at Smith Bros.

WALL PAPER, WALL PAPER. All the new patterns from 5c a roll up. at City Drug Store.

Our stock is large, new, growing, varied and prices most reasonable.
Hammond & Sneed,
Proprietors of The Fair.

Karl's Clover Root Tea, for Constipation it's the Best and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

We are well prepared to accommodate the city trade with a complete line of staple and fancy groceries. Free city delivery. Goostree & Houston.

Largest stock paints, oils, varnishes, window glass, brushes and wall paper at very low prices. City Drug Store,

Shiloh's Consumption Cure cures where others fail. It is the leading Cough Cure, and no home should be without it. Pleasant to take and goes right to the spot. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

The W. of W. in Texas has a membership of 23,781 and still growing.

Neatsfoot oil for harness at Smith Bros.

Buy your groceries of Goostree & Houston during the Spring and year. They have the biggest stock and are prepared to accommodate you.

Diamond dyes, all colors at Smith Bros.

Farmers rom every portionf of Collin county take their wives and children to the Nickle Store in McKinney when wanting valuable goods for little money.

Easter egg dyes, all colors at Smith Bros.

Catarrh Cured. A clear head and sweet breath secured with Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy; sold on a guarantee. Nasal injector free. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

FOR RENT—Good McKinney wagon yard, block No. 20 adjacent to the public square. Will lease for year on easy terms. Apply to JENKINS & PEARSON

Tin buckets, cups, dish pans, oil cans, coffee pots, lamp chimneys, clothes pins, tumblers, goblets, molasses pitchers, towel rolers and hundreds of other useful household articles at The Fair—Hammond & Sneed proprietors.

ONE CENT a dose is all we ask for Dr Simmons' Cough Syrup, and we are pledged to refund the cost price per bottle if it fails to do all that is claimed for it. You get immediate relief.

We have just what you want in the way of garden seed Also, sorghum and onion seed in quantity.
Goostree & Houston.

Sewer Pipe. Just received a car load of Sewer Pipe of all sizes, viz: 3 in. 4 in. 8 in, up to 24 in. The 24 in. makes a splendid well curb. For sale cheap at Wilcox & Sons Lumber Yard.

The front of M. Aron & Co.'s store has been treated to a fresh coating of paint.

Rubber bleaching gloves at Smith Bros.

Moth balls at Smith Bros.

### Do Babies Cry For It.

No! They more often die for the want of it. DR. SIMMONS' COUGH SYRUP is guaranteed to cure Croup, Whooping Cough, Colds, Coughs and Bronchial affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs, and failing, the purchase money is refunded. Sample bottle free 50 doses for 50 cents.

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Has not scared the Nickle Store out of its weakness for giving the best value for your money in McKinney.

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Our chicken mite destroyer we guarantee to kill mites. We refund the money if it does not. Smith Bros.

WHAT Dr. A. E. SALTER SAYS:

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Crude carbolic acid at Smith Bros.

Best paint on earth, covers more and wears longest, looks best, full measure S. W. B. guaranteed, at City Drug Store.

## M'KINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

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| Cotton | 4 50 to 5.70 |
| Wheat per bus | 90to 93cts. |
| Corn per bus | 34to 40cts. |
| Oats per bus | 22 to 34cts |
| Hay baled per ton | $6.00 to $6.50 |
| Millet hay per ton | $5.50 to $6.50. |
| Flour per cwt | $2.40 to $2.75. |
| Cotton seed per ton | $8.00. |
| Baled Oats per ton | $5.00. |
| Meal per bus | 45 to 50cts. |
| Straw per ton | $4.00 $4.50 |
| Chops per cwt | 75cts. |
| Bran per cwt | 75 to 80cts. |
| Butter per lb | 10 to 12½cts. |
| Eggs per doz | 6 to 7 1-2cts. |
| Lard per lb | 6½ to 7½cts. |
| Sheep | $2.50 to $3.00. |
| Hogs per cwt | $3.10 to $3.25. |
| Beef on foot per cwt | $2.25 to $2.65. |
| Beef dressed per lb | 4 to 5cts. |
| Dressed pork per lb | 4 3 4cts. |
| Chickens per doz | $1.75 to 2.25. |
| Irish Potatoes, per bu | 75 to 80cts. |
| Sweet Potatoes, per bu | 50 to 75cts. |

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This remedy is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and influenza. It has become for its cures of these diseases, over a large part of the civilized word. The most flattering testimonials have been received, giving accounts of its good works; of the aggravating and persistent coughs it has cured; of severe colds that have yielded promptly to its soothing effects, and of the dangerous attacks of croup it has cured, often saving the life of the child. The extensive use of it for wooping cough has shown that it robs that disease of all dangerous consequences. Sold by City Drug Store.

Wagon and buggy oil at Smith Bros.

Yesterday Messrs T. T. Emerson and J. L. White announced their withdrawal from the race for Aldermen. The former has served McKinney as councilman for 30 years.

I have been afflicted with rhenmatism for fourteen years and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did, and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured. I am happy to say it has not since returned—Josh Edgar, Germantown, Cal. For sale by City Drug Store.

The death claim of Jas. H. Akin, who died at Blue Ridge and member of Magnolia Camp at McKinney, has been allowed by the Sovereign Camp of Woodmen of the World, at Omaha, Neb., for $2000, and $100 for monument, which will be unveiled in the near future.

### Well Satisfied.

With 1897 we have made a grand change for the better for 1898. We carry up-to-date picture moulding, best grade farmes, queenesware tinware best medium line furniture, cookstoves & heaters.
Asbury & Nelson.

Herbert Faulkner, foreman of the Colorado City stock yards, was in McKinney this week attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Sam Faulkner, who died in Greenville Sunday evening.

In a recent letter from Washington D. C., to an old friend, Major G. A. Studer, for twenty years United States Consul at Singapore says: "While at Des Moines I became acquainted with a liniment known as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I found excellent against rheumatism as well as against soreness of the throat and chest (giving me much easier breathing). I had a touch of pneumonia early this week, and two application freely applied to the throat and chest relieved me of it at once. I would not be without it for anything." For sale by City Drug Store.

The remains of Mrs. Sam Faulkner were shipped from Greenville Tuesday and interred in Forrest Grove cemetery five miles south east of McKinney. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. Gabe Staggs and leaves a husband and several children.

Bed bug poison at Smith Bros.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist church at Minersville, Pa. when suffering with rheumatism was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says, "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial it will please me." For sale by City Drug Store.

Mrs. Minta Caldwell died Tuesday evening at Lucas and was buried yesterday at Forrest Grove. One child survives her.

Miss Clara Mallow of Lebanon is visiting Mrs. J T. Couch this week.

### BEST OF ALL

To cleanse the system in a gentle and truly beneficial manner, when the Spring time comes, use the true and perfect remedy, Syrup of Figs. Buy the genuine. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co only, and for sale by all druggist, at 50 cents per bottle.

Quinine, iron, salts, turpentine—the best at Smith Bros.

Does it pay? Yes, because in case Dr Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to cure or give satisfaction the purchase money is refunded. Try a bottle.

The public school will give its annual entertainment tomorrow, Friday, night at the opera house admission 25c. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school's library. Let all attend as the program will be highly entertaining.

### Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggist, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best

Yesterday and today "opening" days of the millinery department at the Mississippi Store, brought to that establishment many admiring customers and visitors. The trimmed millinery presents a grand showing of bewitching styles and becoming shapes, The rich bright colorings and ornamentations of ostrich feathers, flowers, roses and grasses of the beautiful headwear display speak much for the artistic taste of Miss Clark Reedy, who is in charge, assisted by Miss Emma Moore. The threatening elements kept away many who would have otherwise attended.

### To Sell or Trade.

I have a span of little mules which I desire to sell or trade for a span of ponies. Call at my grocery store.
T. J. MILSON.

### LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex Mar. 23, '98, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

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| Angel Lizzie | Bradley K L |
| Benson Nettie | Harwell M C |
| Hix Jamey | Ingra Viola |
| Martin Lula | Moor Susie |
| Rhine Donie | Stagner Pearl |
| Williams Sindie | |

GENTLEMAN.

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| Berry Hiram | Bell Marvin |
| Chancellor Tedie | Cruse Charley |
| Evans Edwin | Evans W W |
| Hoscell C L | Leonard W W |
| Lemons Walter | Mattingly Chas |
| Mallow R L | Morchman W R |
| Nunn Dirrett | Orem Will |
| Reeves I E | Robertson M L |
| Rubottom A W | Ruthleige Jamey |
| Simins Philip | Watkins Mat |
| Weddas Jack | Woodal J |

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.
Mrs. M. A. Cameron
Postmistress.

### Richardson & Hinman.

If in your good paper
We can have a little space,
We will write a little; but
We hope not out of place.

Come see us, good people,
When troubled with your hair.
We trim it up to please you;
Long, short, round or square.

Come try our choicest sea foam,
And finest dry shampoo;
We use the finest razors
And the sweetest lathers too.

In everything pertaining
To the barbers line
We are up to date,
And simply superfine.

And though we are so clever,
Our charges are so small,
As those of other artists
Who take the skin and all.

—Ed & Will at the Foote House Barber Shop. McKinney, Texas.

The public school entertainment at the opera house tomorrow night deserves well as the proceeds go to the school library. Supt. Smith and his corps of teachers, assisted by Misses Loula Allison music and Lutie Lindsay elocution instructors have taken great pains to present a program, novel in the way of school entertainments.

**Skin Diseases.**

For the speedy and permanent cure of tetter, salt rheum and eczema, Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment is without an equal. It relieves the itching and smarting almost instantly and its continued use effects a permanent cure. It also cures itch, barber's itch, scald head, sore nipples, itching piles, chapped hands, chronic sore eyes and granulated lids.

**Dr. Cady's Condition Powders** for horses are the best tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. Price, 25 cents. Sold by City Drug Store.

### Jas. F. Vinson of Plano Executes a Deed of Trust for Benefit of Creditors.

Wednesday morning Jas. F. Vinson of Plano, executed a deed of trust on his stock of goods for benefit of creditors, naming L Floyd trustee. Following are the beneficiaries in the trust deed:

CLASS A.

Mrs. Maggie Mathews, Fort Worth, rents, $200.

Jas. D. Cottrell, for legal services, $25.

L. Floyd, two notes, $300.

L. Floyd, account, $344.55.

CLASS B.

C. B. Rouss, New York, $221.

T. M. James & Son, Kansas City, $107.

Equitable Manufacturing Co., Iowa City, $47.50.

J. Leopold & Co., Baltimore, $21.15.

National Wall Paper Co., St. Louis, $21.85.

Rosenthal Paper Co., St. Louis, $5.89.

Randall, Hall & Co., Chicago, $11.50.

Liabilities aggregating $1305.84.

### Obituary.

James W. Broughton died March 12, 1898, aged 27 years. He was born and raised in Collin county, near McKinney. About eight years ago he moved with his parents, John and Lidda Broughton, to the Indian Territory where he was married in 1895 to Etta Henry. He was a loving husband, and a kind brother. He leaves a wife and two little children, a father and mother, two sisters and three brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure, but their loss is his gain. He made peace with his Savior while sick. He said he was ready to go home and asked all to go with him. He said in his dying hours that he saw the angels. They had come to take him home.

"Why should we tremble to convey
his body to the tomb,
Where once the flesh of Jesus lay and
left a sweet perfume."

—A Friend.

Ada, I T.

A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

Awarded
Highest Honors, World's Fair
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

### Col. Wynne's Speech.

A good sized audience gathered in the district court room Monday evening last to hear an address from Hon. R. M. Wynne, candidate for the democratic gubernatorial nomination. District court adjourned from 2 to 4 p.m. to make way for the speech. The audience was decidedly mixed as regards to its political complexion—democrats, populists and republicans were present all of whom gave him a respectful hearing. That he had many friends was evidenced by hearty applause, frequently. The speaker began by announcing that he was a democrat—had fought its battles on every opportunity without being a candidate, but now he desired his people's support in order to gratify an honorable ambition which he had long cherished—to be a governor of the grand old commonwealth of Texas. In taking the field he thought it right and proper for his constituency to be advised of his views on state matters. The writer will not attempt to give a full report of his speech, but will content by touching only the main points.

Col. Wynne declared for a four year term of the governorship instead of two years and gave reason therefor. In connection with this subject he referred to bossism stating that wherever a political party held sway by large and apparently safe majorities that political rings and bossism too often obtained. As samples he referred to Platt of New York, Quay of Pennsylvania, Hanna of Ohio, and others, declaring that Texas was not an exception saying in effect that we had a state ring and a big political joss, leaving the fertile minds of his hearers to guess the name of the latter. He called attention to the fact that it was a wrong idea that a man should be elected a second term just to endorse his first term, which custom has been in vogue for years in Texas. Elect a governor for four years and then turn him back to the common herd thus save $150,000 which it takes to hold a general election. He gave other good reasons for the change. He referred to the fact that for the last twelve years Texas had not had a governor who was not holding an office at the time of his election. That during all that time a private citizen stood no show to become governor of Texas. He thought it an imposition on the tax payers of Texas for Attorney General Crane to hold an office and spend at least one half of his time in electing himself to another office while drawing his salary. He favored a more strict enforcement of the railroad commission laws. He declared that "compromise with crime" was out of the question with him; that if he is elected governor, corporations which violated the commission laws would have to abide the penalties. The speaker evidently was plying a thrust at the compromise with the Southern Pacific and other lines made by Mr. Crane and the commissioners under the advice of Mr. Hogg. He spoke in favor of the encouragement of factories in Texas, in favor of a law to permit the mortgager to redeem his land within a year from a foreclosure; against trusts, especially political trusts; against the practice of placing state convicts in the hands of wealthy individuals, and corporations; and in favor of loaning the $600,000 of school fund to individuals on farm lands at a reasonable interest.

In regard to the convicts he was in favor of the state working them on sugar lands. In regard to loaning the school fund he said that his opponents characterized it as a populist principle. That if such be populism he was a populist to that extent. He thought the Crane people should remember that "free silver 16-to-1" was in the populist platform and that the school text book law was a populist measure for the populists of Texas had advocated it. He referred to the enormous land grants heretofore made to railroads in Texas. He said that railroads in Texas in asking freight rates from the commission demanded a reasonable per cent. profit on railroad valuation in Texas of $400,000,000, while the assessment rolls as turned in to the state only showed $68,000,000 rendered for taxation. He also called attention to the low rendition of banking corporations. As an illustration he cited the city of Fort Worth for an example. He said that the annual reports of the banks of Fort Worth showed $3,000,000 of capital, yet the assessment rolls showed up less than $50,000! He was in favor of some law to compel a fair rendition.

Mr. Wynne spoke earnestly and left the impression with the writer that he is the best man now seeking the democratic nomination, yet we feel it our duty to offer some adverse criticisms. Mr. Wynne not only says that there is much good in the populist platform but actually advocates some of its leading principles. Why has Mr. Wynne always supported his democratic opponents in the past when they were ruthlessly assailing populist doctrines now so "dear" to them, and gloating over every prospect of destroying the populist organization? Was it not under the administration of these same fellows and their political predecessors, that the many state evils of which Mr. Wynne speaks originated? Has he not always supported them? Will he not do it in the future? He intimates that he will. The primary election [illegible] requires it "Party first, country last," is the slogan. How long will the voters of any party submit to such unreasonable procedure?

### Wynne Shots.

Col. Wynne says we have a political trust in Texas. Why not all get together and "bust" the trust?

One planter in Texas, according to Mr. Wynne, has made over $3,000,000 off of state convict labor within ten years. This amount would build Gibb's Relief railroad.

Mr. Wynne is in favor of working the convicts on state sugar lands. Would it not be more reasonable to help build a state railroad with them, thus settling the vexed freight question?

Mr. Wynne says that he is in favor of government economy. Every party platform states the same thing. Col. Wynne says that his party in Texas has violated this plank. What are we to do about it?

Col. Wynne says he is opposed to trusts. Every party in existence makes the same declaration? Are any of them sincere? If so which one? Col. Wynne says that the democratic party in Texas is nursing a big fat trust.

Mr. Wynne refers to the fact that land grants to the railroads of Texas havebeen enormous, that the area of such grants would cover three New England states. Is this not paternalism? Did the populist party ever propose to give to either an individual or a corporation such grants without value in return? We think not.

Mr. Wynne is in favor of the state loaning its school fund to the individuals with land security. Is this not the state engaging in the banking or money loaning business? The populists have always advocated such disposition of the school fund in Texas and received the ridicule of every member of the gang whom Col Wynne now opposes.

### RELIGIOUS.

Eld. Johnson is preaching each night this week at the Fairfield school house.

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The Holiness church holds services every Sunday at their church in McKinney at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The public is invited to all their meetings.

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The fifth semi-annual meeting of the Holiness church association of Texas will be held in McKinney, Texas, from April 1, to 10. Everybody invited to attend these meetings.

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Rev. C. E. Morgan, of McKinney, conducted the funeral services of Willie Green at the old Rowlett creek church Thursday. The deceased was a young man of 22, the son of Gabe Green a prominent farmer living west of Allen and died in Dallas.

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A series of meetings were begun Friday night at the Presbyterian church by Rev. Paul Van Dyke, of Australia. Rev. W. J. McMillan, the pastor, is assisting him and the congregations at each service are large.

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The Epworth League entertainment to have been given this evening and tonight at the home of J. L. Todd has been postponed on account of the Presbyterian meeting.

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The Dallas Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian church meets in Plano to-day. It is composed of Dallas and Collin counties and Rev. J. H. Wofford, is moderator. Rev. Wofford preached the opening sermon at 11 a. m.

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All Baptist Ministers of Collin county are requested to meet at the First Baptist church in McKinney Monday Apr. 4 at 11 a m for the purpose of organizing a pastors Baptist conference of this association. This request is made by Revs. C. E. Morgan and E. E. King.

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Saturday's daily St. Louis Republic contained a picture with a complimentary sketch of Rev. J. W. Hill of McKinney who is preaching at a great revival meeting in that city. Rev. Hill's vigorous style of preaching attracts much attention wherever he goes.

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A big number of visitors and members attended the Epworth League literary Monday night at Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Heard's. It was an "evening with Wesley" Those on the program with special subjects for papers, recitations and talks were Misses Josie Talkington, Bessie Hamilton, Lucy Doggett, Mrs. Daisy Bolton, Irwin Ferguson and Hon. J. L. Doggett. Miss Pearl Stacy, Mrs. J. H. Forbes, Homer and Horace Hill furnished the music, vocal, piano, guitar and violin.

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Rev. J. H. Wofford arrived in McKinney, Monday, and shipped his household goods yesterday to his new home at Cale, I. T. For five years ending with the close of last year Rev. Wofford was the pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church here where he made many friends who regretted the departure of himself and excellent family from our city.

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Owing to the threatening elements the attendance Sunday morning at the Sabbath school was small. But those present were treated to an instructive review of the quarter's work by Hon. W. T. Beverly. The pastor being absent there was no preaching either morning or evening. "Missionary Leadings" was the Epworth League's topic for the day at their 3 o'clock service led by Mrs. Daisy Bolton. Much was learned of mission work in foreign fields from letters read by Misses Bessie Hamilton, Lucy Doggett, Foncie Rogers and Midge Ferguson. Miss Griffith enlightened her hearers on the missionary work of the M. E. church south in general and the League in particular. The local chapter voted to forward to mission board treasurer A. K. Ragsdale of Dallas the $10, which it pays annually to help support three missionaries whose expenses are borne exclusively by Texas Leaguers. Horace Hill and Miss Bessie Hamilton accompanied the organist and choir in rendering splendid music for the occasion.

### He Advocated It.

McKinney, Tex., Mar. 30, '98.
TO THE VOTERS:—Col. Wynne spoke in McKinney and laid down his platform. He thinks Texas would be redeemed by electing him governor. Among other things he says "I pledge myself to the most rigid economy consisted with an effective administration of your affairs if selected as your chief executive. I believe government employees should be required to work from 8 a. m. to 12 m., and from 1 p. m., to 6 p. m., each day instead of from 9 to 4 as is now the rule and thus reduce the force required to perform the public service one-third." In the state senate here is what I stated in a speech Feb. 1, 1884 on this very item of economy, "Then when we come to the state department the first question that presents itself is why should they (state employes) work less than other hired hands. Are they not working for money and is the state money not the people's money? Should we as agents of the people, not handle their money as we would our own? I honestly believe that if you should run each department of the state as you would your own affairs it could be done on one-third of its present cost." Now it will be remembered when I took the above stand fourteen years ago that Col. Wynne now takes I was denounced as a traitor to the democracy. I am yet bitterly denounced as a traitor by many of the leading democrats of this county running for office. At the same time these same democrats say Wynne is the smartest and one of the best posted men of their party in the state and on the best platform. When I was making this fight and for all debts due by the state to be dated, itemized and sworn to before paid I was denounced. Now the state is bankrupt and Col. Wynne steps upon my platform to redeem it and the democracy is applauding him.

JOHN JOHNSON, Sr.

**To The Public of Collin County.**

I have located on the west side of the square In the Bolton stand where

*I AM FULLY PREPARED*

To meet the demands of the people. I have *a nice line of New Spring Goods in*

***Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats And Furnishing Goods***

At the lowest prices ever offered in this section. I buy all goods for

**. . . *Spot Cash* . . .**

And sell them the same way. If you need any goods give me a call and I will do the rest.

Mr. Greenberry Adams is with me and will be pleased to see all old friends and patrons.

*Soliciting Your Patronage*
*Yours Truly*

**Louis I. Dreeben.**
McKinney, Texas.

West Side Square,
Next to Bush Book Store.

### ASH GROVE.

Gloomy Farmers Over Freeze—
Fever Caused By Being
Pierced By a Nail.

Mar. 29. '98.

Farmers are looking blue since the late freeze.

The fruit is most all killed.

Herschel Self is very sick with fever caused from sticking a nail in his knee.

Claude White of the McKinney College passed through the community Saturday.

There is some excitement about the threatened war in this section.

We had a good rain Sunday morning it was 1 1-8 inch.

Our school is progressing nicely with Prof. Page as teacher, we have enrolled 72 pupils.

Mr. Mullens and family of Grayson county, are visiting C P Carter and family.

T. B. Wilson is having a new room put up for one of his tenants, J. S. Burkett.

J. A. Smith and J. A. Belcher, of Vineland spent Sunday with B. F. Hearn and family.

We have a singing class in progress with Prof. Southerland as teacher.

Miss Noxie Eastes from the Nation was visiting in our vicinity last week.

Lee Young and family of McKinney spent Sunday with his father-in-law, Charlie Carter.

Eddie Snow spent a few day's last week with his uncle, J. M. Angel.

There was prayer meeting at Ash Grove school house Sunday night it was well attended.

A. M. Wilson is improving his home place.

Mr. Webb is making preparation's to build a new store at Roland.

George Kendell made a business trip to Allen one day, last week.

Miss Rebecca Carter is on the sick list this week.

TWO LADIES.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of The Kind You Have Always Bought
Chas. H. Fletcher

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases & hair falling. 50c, and $1.00 at Druggists

Chichester's English Diamond Brand
PENNYROYAL PILLS
Original and Only Genuine.
SAFE, always reliable. LADIES ask Druggist for Chichester's English Diamond Brand in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Refuse dangerous substitutions and imitations. At Druggists, or send 4c in stamps for particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Name Paper. Chichester Chemical Co., 1914 Madison Square, Philada., Pa.
Sold by all Local Druggists.

OPIUM and Whiskey Habits cured at home without pain. Book of particulars sent FREE. B. M. WOOLLEY, M.D. Atlanta, Ga. Office 104 N. Pryor St.

**GOLD DUST**
**THE BEST WASHING POWDER**

**Stock Cuts in Premiums to Breeders of Reno Clipper colts.**

In response to a number of breeders who will promptly pay their season dues of 1898-9 and will use the proper care of their colts I have decided to give $50 00 in cash premiums, viz: $30 for the best $15 for second, $10 for third, $5 for best colt. The show to be at 2 o'clock p. m. last Monday in October, 1898, at the McKinney race track.

Conditions. All colts must be shown to halter or in harness; speed at different gaits, color style, action, and general conformance, to be the test. To be decided by not less than three disinterested horsemen. I will not be one judge, he select another, and they select the third judge.

$50 will be given to the breeder or owner of colt, or colts (sired by Reno Clipper 2:17½; Reno Defiance 2:29¼) that take a race record of 2:35 or better pacing, or 2:30 or better trotting, any time, as long as I own Reno Clipper 2:17½. Reno Clipper is proving a sire of uniform saddle colts, with speed enough to race if breeders are siring race horses, etc.

Reno Clipper and colts have won more premiums in the saddle and harness ring than any stallion and his colts in the state, and they will be shown. I will gill give a season privilege to anyone that has a mare that can be bred to him in harness in the state, and will give a season free to any mare that can saddle with him under saddle. Or it will cost you $15 for season with return privilege, or $20 to insure Reno Clipper, or Geo. Campbell 2:17, his full brother. Mares cared for from distance reasonable.

Send for pedigrees of his colts with breeder's names, to insure pedigree, etc.

A. I. BUCK, McKinney, Texas.

# EQUAL
to the
# EMERGENCY.

We have our spring stock completly. Anticipating an EARLY trade we rushed all of our goods in, so we are thoroughly prepared to meet the Spring and Summer demands.

We are showing the prettiest line of Wash Goods displayed this season, and a most excellent assortment of

**Light Woolens,**
**Challies,**
**Poplenes,**
**Covetts, etc.**

A Good Showing in

**Dress Trimmings and Linings,**
**Fancy Parasols,**
**Umbrellas and Fans,**

and the best selected stock of. . .

**KID AND SILK GLOVES**

in town.

Our selections in Boys and Childrens Clothing cannot be excelled. We have the largest stock of these goods, especially in wash suits, ever exhibited here and we call your special attention to this department.

**Straw Hats from 5c up to the best grades.**

## OUR SHOE AND SLIPPER

**Stock has no comparison in selection, and we are leaders in Mens Hats and Furnishing Goods, with the lowest possible Cash Price.**

We keep the latest in Neckwear, Collars and Cuffs. The fact of the matter is, we have what you want in our line and guarantee to sell you as cheap as any house in North Texas. And we want to impress you with this fact, that **there is no town in North Texas that holds out to the people more inducements than McKinney.** Every line of business is represented by honorable, fair and upright business men, and we take pleasure in calling your attention to the kind of people who do business here. With the above facts we hold out to you our part of the trade with the view of seeing you when you come to McKinney, believing we can treat you right and sell you goods and gain your support in building our business to the highest point. Call on us.

Yours truly,

**McDOWELL & WHITE.**
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## LOCAL NEWS.

**Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.**

S. Weisman has rearranged the interior of his store.

Jeff Prichard has returned from a several months absence in Kaufman.

Mrs. Roy Anderson came over from Greenville Friday on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Emerson.

Assistant Postmaster Bagley has been absent from his usual post of duty recently on account of sickness.

T. H. Lowdy, a McKinney cotton buyer the past season, left last week for New York and thence will sail for England.

The windows, doors and interior of the court house have just been repainted.

Dud Cottrell of Plano was here Saturday. He is a candidate in his precinct.

Mrs. M. A. Winn, of Peoria, Texas, sends for THE DEMOCRAT.

Postmaster Ellis, of Fayburg, did jury service at McKinney last week.

Greenbery Adams has accepted a position with the new west side Clothing house of Louis I. Dreeben.

Mrs. S. Weisman and baby are visiting relatives in Gainesville.

This section was visited by a copious rain Sunday morning.

Mrs. John A. Walden has been quite sick recently.

A letter written by little Misses Fannie Bush and Chloe Chrouch to "The Cozy Corner" appeared in last Sunday's Dallas News.

C. G. Austin, of Denison, was here Friday. Mr. Austin is representing Rhodes Tasteless Chill Tonic and Febriline.

Mrs. W. F. Moore, of Paris, arrived Saturday on a visit to her father, Judge T. C. Goodner, and family.

The new McKinney postmaster, Mr. Smith, says he will not take charge of our postal affairs until about June 1.

The Schubert Symphony Club appeared at the opera house Saturday night under the auspices of the Red Men

J. B. Mitchell, aged about 83, is critically ill at his home at Prosper. He is well known in McKinney and among the older residents of this county.

Fireman Will Lake, whose leg was broken some weeks ago while responding to a fire alarm, was able to appear on our streets Friday by aid of crutches.

Cal Dunn of Altoga called on us Saturday and renewed for the Semi-Weekly News. All wanting the News should remember THE DEMOCRAT has clubbing rates with it.

The McKinney College's elocutionary and Musical entertainment, Friday night, was well patronized. Each number of the program was appreciated and several were heartily enchored.

Dr. Wilson of Plano, Deputy Grand Master of the 20th Masonic district, paid St. Johns Lodge of McKinney an official visit at its regular monthly meeting Saturday night. He is one of Collin's early settlers and most esteemed citizens.

Contractor Dee Scott found a bottle of whiskey in the walls of the DeShiels & Keller Store which was 23 years old and was put in there by Bob Bounds when it was being built.—Farmersville Times.

Joe Barnes has returned from a few days' visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barnes at Ardmor. Joe says Ardmorites indulged in the luxury of sleigh riding during last week's blizzard.

County Supt. Shepherd has just received census blanks for taking this year's scholastic census. Trustees should call for for them at Prof. Shepherd's office at once so that this important matter can be attended to as required by law.

Walter Downs, who lives on K. K. Kerr's farm at Vineland, was in town Saturday and said he had already begun to plant his corn over as a result of the freeze. His oats were large enough to hide a rabbit but now are hardly capable of hiding the weeds. He thinks the peach and plum crop this year has been almost wholly destroyed.

A new dormitory for the McKinney College will be built in the near future and improvements added to the school building. President G. L. Marshall of the Hawthorn College, Celeste, has purchased this valuable piece of school property and will assume control at the end of the present school term.

A peculiar natural phenomena was witnessed here about 10 o'clock Sunday morning following the humid condition of the atmosphere resulting from the rain. A ribbon-like cloud about the width of a rainbow spanned the heavens from southwest to northeast. The cloud was boldly distinct against the clear blue sky background and perfectly symmetrical from horizon to horizon. The phenomena was observable for thirty minutes or more. Many superstitiously inclined pronounced it a presurrsor of war.

## Real Estate Transfers.

List of real estate transfers filed for record in the county clerk's office McKinney, Texas, week ending March 25 1898:

Jennie and J P A Wallace to Henry Lewis, 116a, T A Rhodes, sur.

Jasper Hand to J P Turner, 80 acres, Henry Slack sur, $2560.

B S King and wife to Jas. Church, 59 3-4a, E B Reed sur, $1200.

L E Bumpass et ux to Jas Church, 2 tracts in E B Reed sur, $6443.75.

Ike McDowell to Hassiotte McDowell, 5a, L B Hill sur, $25.

E B Dishman and wife to D M McDowell, 34a, L B Hill sur, $170.

W J S Russell and wife to T S Batson, lot in McKinney, $200.

M L Williams and wife to J A Garrison, Millwood Gin lots, $1007.70.

W H Stimson and wife to J A Garrison, 12a, D Anglin, sur, $650.

Chas S McCarty and wife to J A Garrison, 3a, D Anglin sur, $40.

T J Squibb and wife to W H Stimson, 46 1-2a, D Anglin, sur, $1627.50.

W H Stimson and wife to W S Rateliff, 19a, D. Anglin, sur, $570.

W H Stimson and wife to W A Bates, 15 1-2a, D Anglin, sur, $465.

E C Heath and wife to S C McReynolds, 80a. J Strickland sur, $1614.40.

E E Whittaker to E C Heath, 80a, Joe Strickland, sur, $914.40.

J W Smithart Jr to R L Brown 30a, W A S Bohannan, sur, $425.

R L Kimsey et al to W N Wilcoxson, 84 1-4a, Jas Inerarity, sur, $210.57.

I D Fowler and wife to Nathan Wilcoxson, 5a, Jas Inerarity, sur, $25.

W D Earley to A E Earley, tract in S Coombs survey, settlement.

Earley W D to A F Earley, lot in Lebanon, $200.

W N Bush to R G Hendrick, 12a, W Fisher sur, $250.

W S Gray to W C Gray, 30a, in Jno. Burke sur, $750.

John Giddings to Executors Kincaid estate, int. in Wm. Perrin settlement.

Jno R Agnew to W A Kincaid, 1a, Wm Perrin, sur.

Lewis McMillen and wife to W A Kincaid, 1a, C Parsons, sur, $16.

Sarah F Sewell et al to W A Kincaid, 320a, Rufus Sewell sur, $900.

Louis McMillen and wife to W A Kincaid, 7-8a, —— sur, $15.

Holiness church Valdasta to W G Airheart, 1-2a, J Douthett sur, $75.

Jno F Wilds to J W Patterson 83a, J D Black sur. $400.

W S Coffey sheriff to Jasper Hand, tract in Henry Slack sur, $5120.

### Commissioners Court.

The county commioners were in session Friday and Saturday.

The local option vote of Justice precinct No. 4. was canvassed. The following is official: Roseland 54 pro, 27 anti; Weston 143 pro, 105 anti; Celina 72 pro, 4 anti. Total 269 pro and 136 anti. giving 133 majority for local option.

Upon petition a school tax election was ordered for district 46, April 16 to vote upon the proposition levying a twenty-cent tax on the hundred dollars.

A local option election for Justice precinct 3 was ordered for April 16. This is the Anna precinct. The vote cast Mar. 12 in the Rhymer school district to levy a fifteen cent tax on the one hundred dollars was canvassed and declared lost by a vote of 9 to 17. An order was made appointing J. D. Curtsinger presiding officer of elections at Rhea's Mill, Charles Dunn at St. Paul and S. F. Cooke at Lucas.

S. H. Horner and J. Puck Lowell of McKinney were registered at the Oorental Hotel, Dallas on Saturday last.


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## DESERT DESSERT

**Death Of a Mason—Community Items.**

Mar. 22. 1898.

Rev. Bowen preached at Cross Roads Sunday.

We had a combined singing at Shady Grove Sunday, of two Sunday schools.

A debate was held at the Cross Roads schoolhouse Friday night. The question was the "Poet vs. Warrior."

Mr. Giles of Graybill died last week and was buried by the Masonic fraternity.

Proncy Graham has been very sick but is now convalescing.

James Morgram has returned from Celeste.

Lee Wallace of Princeton was here Sunday.

Jack Walker and Ben Williams went to Whitewright on business Saturday.

Jess Pace and John Gardner have returned from Cooke county.

The farmers seem to be in good spirits.

Wheat and oats are looking fine, corn is coming up, and they are nearly ready to plant cotton.

RUFUS.

### WETSEL WINDINGS.

Mar. 29. 1898.

Replanting our corn is the chief amusement of us farmers now. Last week's frost and freeze did the work.

Our school will close Apr. 8. Here's hoping Mr. Murray, our teacher, will teach our next term.

Mr. and Mrs. Young and Lewis McMahan were guests of J. W. Van Trese and family at Whites Grove, Sunday.

Mr. Robins is sick this week.

A bouncing new boy has lately taken up his abode with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Perkins.

JIM CROW.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100.

**Damage Done By Frost—Candidates Swarming.**

Mar. 26. 1896.

Miss Mollie Gidney visited Miss Leona Bryant of Bowlby Tuesday.

Mrs. Tom Scott and daughter, Mrs. Jas. Smith, of Bloomdale visited Miss Kate Chandler Monday.

Uncle Henry Taylor is on the sick list.

The writer attended church at Vineland Sunday night and had the pleasure of listening to an able sermon by Eld. J. B. Faulkner.

Mrs. Kirkland visited her niece Mrs. Jas. Duncan of Bloomdale Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kirkland were visiting in East Collin Sunday.

Vince Roberts of East Collin is among us.

John Johnson has bought a bran new buggy.

Mrs. Good Graves and Miss Vice Powers visited Miss Kate Chandler Thursday.

J. T. Chandler attended literary at Bloomdale Friday night.

The frost of Wednesday night killed the corn and gardens, but wheat and oats are not damaged any to speak of. Farmers are about done planting over their corn.

Bill Petway, of Engleman, candidate for commissioner of Precinct No. 1. spent the night with the writer Tuesday night. The writer and Mr. Petway were schoolmates 25 years ago Mr. Petway will poll a good vote in this beat.

Our school closed Tuesday after a term of five months. There was a large crowd of patrons and friends present to witness the closing exercise. Hon. Frank Wilcox was present and made a talk on education. Prof. Burkett, our teacher, has given entire satisfaction and has been employed to teach the next term.

Candidates are as thick as flies on sorghum molasses, but as yet we have heard very few express their choice. REUBEN.

### Jefferson's Ten Rules.

Never put off until to-morrow what you can do to-day.

Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.

Never spend your money before you have earned it.

Never buy what you don't want because it is cheap.

Pride costs more than hunger, thirst more than cold.

We seldom repent of eating too little.

Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.

How much pain the evils have cost us that have never happened.

Take things always by the smooth handle.

When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry count a hundred.

### Gold Fish.

It is said that half the gold-fish kept in glass vessels die because they cannot endure the light.

This can be avoided by so screening a part of the vessels with plants or otherwise, that the fish can hide their heads in the shadow.

## General News.

**Gleaned From The World Over For Our Readers Information.**

Gladstone of England is said to be at death's door.

The state Christian Endeavor convention will convene in Dallas, June 7 to 9.

The recent rains were general in south Texas.

A boiler exploded in one of Houston's mills, March 26, killing two men, Carl Hoffman and A. McWhite.

James Thompson was shot and killed at Lelot, seven miles north of Dallas by J. A. McCullough, March 26.

The populists of Lamar, Co., held a mass meeting March 25, for purpose of preparing for campaign.

Hon. Geo. F. Jester candidate for governor on the democratic ticket made the opening of his campaign at Lufkin, Tex., March 26.

Waco is making extensive preparation to entertain the Grand Council of United Commercial Travelers May 13 and 14.

It is estimated that about 437,950 head of cattle will be shipped from Texas to the Indian Territory this coming season.

Recent rains has caused great river floods of the Mississippi and its branches. Many poor families are made homeless. The railroads suffered greatly.

The Baptists of Dallas have decided to hold a great missionary rally April 12, 13 and 14, and invite attendance from all over the state. Cheap rates on railroads secured.

Dr. Trueheart of Galveston expresses his opinion that Texas will be free from yellow fever this coming year. He has a lengthy article concerning same in Dallas News of March 27.

Fireman found the mutilated bodies of Mrs. and Mrs. W. H. Briley, white, and Robert Wilkinson negro in an Atlanta store Mar. 27. Robbers set fire to the building after perpetrating their terrible deed.

A movement started to create a National Volunteer Reserve force in New York March 27. Its leaders expect it to be the largest volunteer assembly the world has ever known to have allegiance under one flag.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee and two children were murdered on a ranch in Concho county, near Paint Rock. The murder was committed with an axe. A man who reported the murder cut his own throat. Lee and his family recently moved from Coleman county.

The body of a white male infant was found on the premises of G. W. Thomas of Sherman, Tex. Mar. 27. Children say that a dog brought it to their place in his mouth. Both feet look as if they had been bitten by the dog and one hand bears some laceration. Public Physician Freeman examined the body and reports it to be a fully developed child and its condition shows that it received skilled attention. The supposition is that it was hidden under a drain culvert and the heavy rain which fell washed it into the gutter where it was found by the dog.

A disastrous cloud burst struck Ardmore, I. T., Mar. 26, blowing a number of houses from the foundation and doing much damage generally. A windstorm also swept over the county between south McAlister and Lehigh and Coalgate demolishing four farm houses and killing James Seafoam, wife and three children. Many others are reported killed along the storm's path. Washouts are reported on the M. K. & T. and Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf road near Galvin.

### The Kentucky Machine.

Dallas News.

The Louisville Courier-Journal gave the Kentucky legislature, which adjourned Tuesday, a parting shot which Kentucky will not fail to appreciate. The Goebel bill, which placed the entire election machinery of the state in the hands of a partisan commission of three members, was passed over the governor's veto and is now a law. It is for this infamy that the Courier-Journal utters its maledictions as follows:

The general assembly of Kentucky which adjourned yesterday adjourned forever. For while the term for which it was elected will not expire until nearly two years yet, it can reconvene only at the call of the governor; and the governor being a Kentuckian, with some concern for the interest of his state, and, republican though he is, being a far better democrat than the majority of the men in this assembly, whose acts it has been incumbent upon him to review, would prove atrociously and impossibly recreant to his trust if he should voluntarily summon again to the stage this vicious body of deformed democrats and degenerate Americans. It is not with the extravagance of speech that such a provocation might natnrally cause, but calmly, deliberately with a full knowledge of the legislature's record, and a critical survey thereof, that the Courier-Journal, realizing what it says in all its significance declares that for violence to the very vitality of Americanism; for abandonment of every principle of democracy; for contempt of even the semblance of liberty; for the abolition of every individual and social right upon which republicanism is based; for flagrant scorn of even the form of fair play, and even the shadow of decency; for absolute and open desertion of public duties and abject and malevolent prostitution to partisan plunder; for arrogant usurpation, in the name of spoils, of the sacred functions of representative government and their distortion of oligarchic despotism—for all these things the record of this legislature is not only unparalleled, but unapproached. It is unapproached in all the dreams of the federalism of Hamilton's day. It is unapproached in all the tendencies of toryism and whigism. It is unapproached in all the orgies of carpet-bagism, militarism, returning-boardism, Brownlowism, reconstructionism, Lodgeism, in the state and national annals of this country. The maddest usurpations of state government in the south over the rights of the disfranchised whites, the most desperate efforts of the republicans in congress to build a party dynasty upon the suffrage of the newly emancipated blacks, the wildest riots of the fanatical freaks of Kansas and South Carolina, never approached the record of this Kentucky legislature in its plunge from democracy to despotism.

### Excursion Rates.

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For the following events reduced round trip rates will be announced in due time:

To Baltimore, Md. for the General Conference of the M E Church South, May 6.

To Norfolk, Va. for the American Babtist Educational Society, May 5; Southern Baptist Convention May 6 12, and Womans Bap. Missionary Union May 6 10.

To Washington, D. C., for the Annual Meeting of the National Educational Association, July 7, 12.

To Nashville, Tenn., for the International United Society of Christain Endeavor, July 5, 12.

To Atlanta, Ga. for Ex-Confederate Veterans Reunion, July 21 24.

To Columbia, S. C. for the General Conference of the (Colored) M E Church, May 3.

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And the boy from Tennessee,
With never a fear that death was near,
Swung into eternity.

Nor flag, nor shot, nor battle-cry,
Nor strain of the nation's air,
Broke into the gloom of the sailor's doom,
Nor yet a priestly prayer.

There looks a face from far away home,
With eye bent on the sea,
For the Hampshire Jack who'll not come back,
Or the lad from Tennessee.

Not theirs was the glory of battle;
No victory crowned the day,
But a nation weeps, that the dark sea keeps
Her dead beneath the bay.

—The Republic, St. Louis.


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